

HOUSE BILL No. 1308

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-36.

Synopsis: College readiness program. Establishes the voluntary universal ACT assessment program. Specifies that the purpose of the program includes: (1) improvement of the college enrollment and participation rate; (2) ensuring a general, suitable, and efficient system of college and workforce readiness for students; (3) support for voluntary statewide ACT assessment for all grade 11 students; and (4) encouraging greater student participation in the Core 40 curriculum. Specifies that, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, a school may provide each grade 11 student with the opportunity to take the ACT assessment at no cost to the student. Requires the department of education, in consultation with the commission for higher education, to submit an annual report to the general assembly.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 15, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Second Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2008)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2008]:

4 **Chapter 36. Voluntary Universal ACT Assessment Program**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in the chapter, "ACT assessment" means a test**
6 **of student educational development that measures student**
7 **readiness for future learning and that may be used by institutions**
8 **of higher education as part of their admissions, placement, and**
9 **scholarship processes and high schools to improve college and**
10 **workforce readiness.**

11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
12 **voluntary universal ACT assessment program established by**
13 **section 3 of this chapter.**

14 **Sec. 3. The voluntary universal ACT assessment program is**
15 **established.**

16 **Sec. 4. The department shall develop, implement, and**
17 **administer the program.**

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Sec. 5. The purposes of the program are to:

- (1) improve the college readiness of all students in grade 11;**
- (2) prevent or minimize the need for remediation of students entering Indiana institutions of higher education in one (1) or more subjects because the students do not meet the college readiness score of at least nineteen (19) on the ACT assessment;**
- (3) increase the number of students, including students of low income families, English language learners, and minority students, taking the ACT assessment while in grade 11 to increase the number of first generation college students;**
- (4) increase the college participation rates among all racial and ethnic groups;**
- (5) improve preparation for college and the workforce;**
- (6) improve the course selection patterns of high school students;**
- (7) increase the early identification of college ready students;**
- (8) support students participating in the Core 40 curriculum by providing a baseline for their college and workforce readiness and an opportunity to benefit from earlier remediation, such as:**
 - (A) the college preparation curriculum models developed by the department under IC 20-30-1; and**
 - (B) the technology preparation curriculum models developed by the technology preparation task force under IC 20-20-10; and**
- (9) provide a link between what students have learned, what students need to learn, and what is necessary in order for students to be college or workforce ready, or both, by providing expectations and measuring the students' progress.**

Sec. 6. A student who participates in the program is encouraged to enroll and complete the Core 40 course and credit requirements adopted by the state board under IC 20-30-10.

Sec. 7. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, each school may provide each student in grade 11 with the opportunity to take the ACT assessment without charge to the student.

Sec. 8. (a) The department, in consultation with the commission for higher education, shall submit an annual report to the general assembly by December 1 of each year that includes:

- (1) evidence of compliance with this chapter;**
- (2) the number of students participating in the program; and**
- (3) data concerning the impact of the program on the college**

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1 readiness of high school students and the remediation rates at
2 Indiana institutions of higher learning.

3 (b) A report submitted under this section to the general
4 assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

5 Sec. 9. The department shall develop guidelines and the state
6 board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

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